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In re Application of:

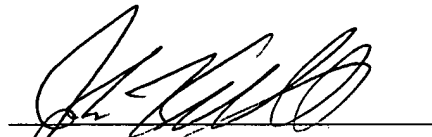
Serial No.: 09/164,793 : DECISION ON
Filed: October 01, 1998 : PETITION
For: Bioplymeer Sponge Tubes, :
Surgical Staplers And :
Methods Of Use Thereof :

This application is before the Director of Technology Center 3700 for reconsideration of the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 24, 2000 for failure to timely respond to the Office action mailed September 15, 1999.

A review of the files indicates that a response was timely filed with a certificate of mailing of December 14, 1999.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 24, 2000 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. This application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn



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